

## **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS** since its inception by an Act of Congress 75 years ago on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1939, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has performed exemplary service to the Coast Guard, and the boating public; and

**WHEREAS**, Flotilla 10-08 of Division 10 of the First Southern Region, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, has been active in Northern New Jersey since that time, and meets on a regular basis in Rochelle Park; and

**WHEREAS** this uniformed, civilian component of the United States Coast Guard presently consists of nearly 33,000 dedicated men and women from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, students and veterans, business owners and housewives, all of whom have volunteered innumerable hours raising awareness of the importance of practicing and promoting boating safety, by conducting vessel inspection checks, public education courses, vigilant patrols of both air and sea, and by augmentation of the Coast Guard in all but its military and law enforcement missions; and

**WHEREAS**, on an average day, the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary assist in at least 10 Search and Rescue (SAR) operations, aid 28 boaters in distress, save more than \$340,000 worth of property and participate in 100 operational support missions; and

**WHEREAS** in 2013 the dedicated members of Flotilla 10-08 who meet in Rochelle Park volunteered countless hours of their personal time, conducted numerous, and assisted many boaters in distress; and

**WHEREAS** whether it is through educating the public about the importance of wearing a life preserver, rescuing a mariner at sea, or assisting the active duty Coast Guard, the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in general and Flotilla 10-08, Division 10 in particular, represent what is absolutely best about our country;

For this tremendous effort, I Frank Valenzuela , Mayor, congratulate all the members of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and of Division 10 for 75 years of outstanding service to our local communities, to the United States Coast Guard, and to our great nation, The United States of America.

**THEREFORE, I**, Frank Valenzuela, Mayor, do hereby proclaim June 23<sup>th</sup> as United States Coast Guard Auxiliary day in the Township of Rochelle Park

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of June, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen.

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Frank Valenzuela - Mayor